



National Guard members enjoy Christmas meal

The members of the Elba unit of the Alabama National Guard (Battery B3rd Bn 117th FA) enjoyed their annual family Christmas dinner Sunday. The unit cooks treated the troops and their family members to a full plate of barbecue pork, turkey and all the trimmings.

Following the meal, the children received gifts and were given free face paintings.

Commanding officer, Capt David Pritchett addressed the troops, recognizing those who have received promotions and other honors during the past year.

Pritchett also recognized ten new members of the local unit, who have joined during the last year.

Following the meal, 1st SGT Jessie Anderson held drawings and gave the table decorations to lucky family members.

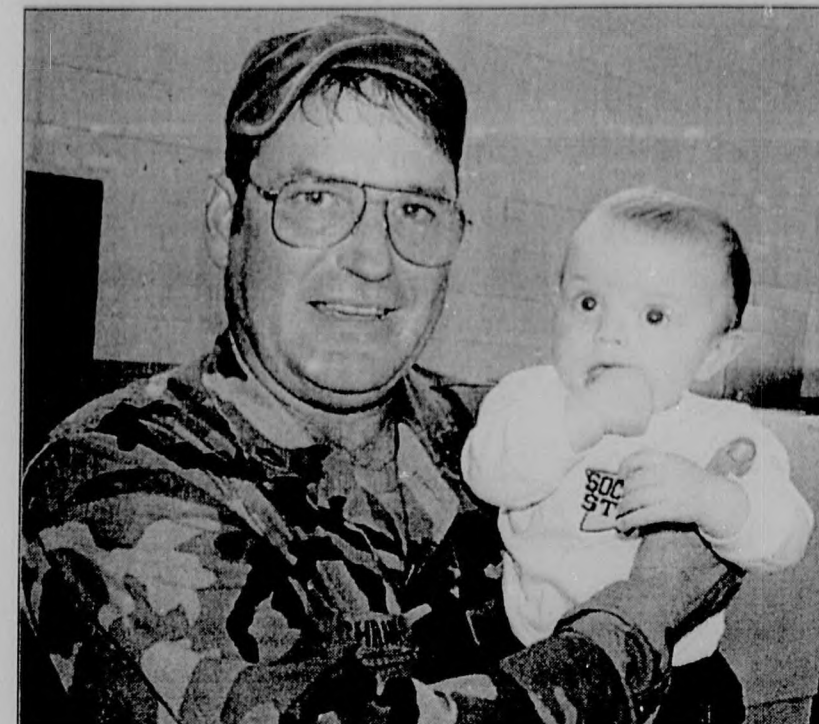
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SGT JERRY COCHRAN holds his eight month old "miracle" grandson, Dalton. The younger Cochran spent six weeks in a Birmingham Hospital with doctors struggling to save his life. However Sunday the child was as active as any of the children enjoying the Christmas meal with National Guard family members.



E-5 JOE WISE is shown serving his last meal to his National Guard buddies. Wise is retiring from his military duties, but returned one last time to help his old buddies feed the troops in the chow line.

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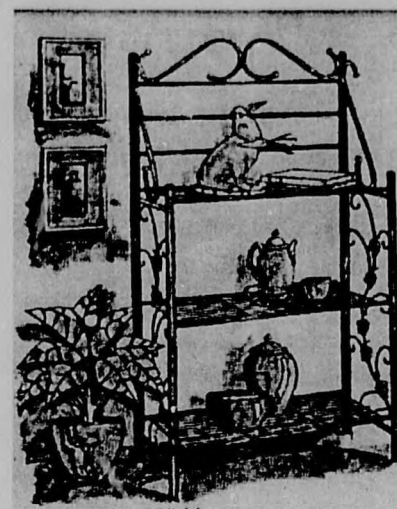
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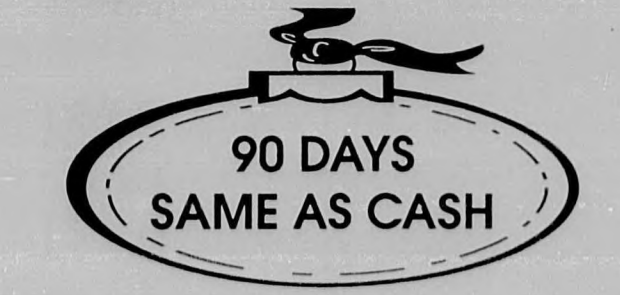


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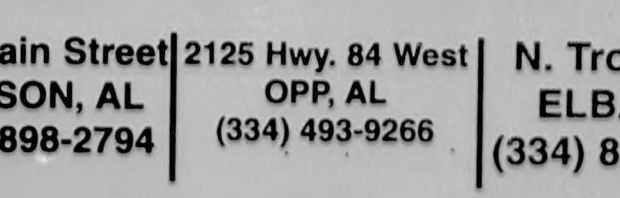
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Fences & water topics of commission meeting

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The subject of fences generated the most discussion during Monday's bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

In the general business from commissioners session, Commissioner Tom Grimsley commented that he and Commissioner Len Averett had been working on securing right-of-way deeds for the Matthews Creek Road which is tentatively scheduled to be paved next spring or summer.

Grimsley commented that almost all the landowners have signed the deeds and none have expressed any problem with signing them; however, several of them have rather new fences that will have to be moved in preparation for the paving of the road.

"They have asked if there is some way that we [the commission] can help them as far as moving these fences," said Grimsley.

He also commented that Commission Doug Dalrymple had several facing the same dilemma on a road that is being prepared for paving in his district. It was noted by Commissioner Dalrymple that several weeks ago he had proposed the county help financially with the relocation of these fences but the commission rejected the idea.

Commissioner Grimsley, in the form of a motion, proposed that the county pay 30¢ per foot to a landowner that has to relocate his fence in order to provide right-of-way for the widening of a dirt road along the preparation of a road for paving.

He stipulated that in order to receive the financial aid, a landowner would have to actually relocate the fence. In other words, the county will not pay the 30¢ per foot if the fence is simply torn down and not put back up.

It was noted by Grimsley that this money would in no way pay all the cost involved in moving the fence but it would help offset some of the cost. He also pointed out that the landowner would also be benefiting

from the widening or the paving of their road.

Grimsley's motion will include all road paving or widening projects currently in progress and all future projects.

An attempt by Commissioner Robert Stephens to table Grimsley's motion for further discussion failed after it received no second.

Commissioner Stephens then attempted to amend Grimsley's motion to include reimbursement (30¢ per foot) for all fences moved during the past two (2) years. This motion also failed to receive a second.

Grimsley's motion was finally voted on with all commissioners except Commissioners Ernest Brooks and Stephens voting in favor of the motion. Brooks abstained while Stephens voted against the motion. Stephens noted that he was not against helping the landowners but that his concern was for those who in the past had received no assistance or compensation in relocating their fences.

The motion was not really clear on what fences would qualify for the reimbursement; however, permanent type (net, barbed wire, chain link, etc.) fences were mentioned during the discussion of the motion. It was made clear that electric fences would not qualify.

Commissioner Grimsley also proposed that the commission join the Association of United States Army (AUSA). The annual dues are \$125 which entitles two (2) representatives to attend a monthly breakfast/meeting. These meetings are designed to develop a good relationship between the army and civilian population.

The matter was tabled until the county attorney could research the legality of the commission paying dues to this type organization.

David Hicks, of David Hicks and Associates, addressed the commission concerning the engineering study on a county-wide water system. He gave commissioners a brief summary on the study.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook, who has been spearheading this project, was asked to set up a meeting with representatives from the county's rural water authorities. It was pointed out that the program is voluntary but also, there would be tremendous advantages to having a county-wide water system.

Chairman Lewis read a letter from Census 2000 crew leaders praising the county and highway department on how well the county roads were identified and in good condition.

"The up-to-date county road maps were invaluable in helping update the census maps," they said.

Other matters acted on by the commission consisted of the following items:

***A motion by Commissioner

Stevens to approve a resolution authorizing the mayor and city clerk to sign the necessary papers relating to the bond issue and the grant.

Monthly bills for operating the city totaled \$21,165.50. Included in this amount was \$4,313.35 for vehicle and equipment repairs and maintenance; \$1,350.00 as Elba quarterly fee on using of the NCIC computer in the police department and \$1,645.00 for asphalt mix, used in street repair.

In addition to the above bills, the council approved payment of \$30,625.52 in flood repairs, inventory and equipment for all departments. These expenses are funded by FEMA grants and flood insurance proceeds.

Following a formal adjournment of the meeting and a short break, the council reconvened for the required

troopers predict 21 holiday deaths

Alabama State Troopers urge all motorists to drive safely and defensively during the upcoming holiday period. All available troopers will be on patrol during peak holiday travel times to help ensure safe travel on the state's roadways.

In preparation for increased holiday travel, troopers are taking part in National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend December 18 - 20, a pre-holiday safety campaign that

encourages motorists to buckle up, obey speed limits and refrain from drinking and driving.

In conjunction with the weekend and in remembrance of the victims of drunken driving, troopers will have patrol car headlights on during daylight hours on Friday, December 18, Lights on For Life Day. Motorists are asked to join in the effort to highlight the dangers of drunken driving. ALA troopers will

intensify enforcement efforts through the weekend and upcoming holiday travel periods.

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates that 13 people will lose their lives in traffic crashes in the state during the 78-hour Christmas travel period, which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 24, and ends at midnight Sunday, December 27.

In 1997, 19 people died in traffic crashes on Alabama roadways during a 102-hour Christmas period. 11 on rural roads and 8 in urban areas. Alcohol was a factor in at least 5 of the deaths, and 9 of the victims were not using safety belts.

The traffic fatality prediction for New Year's is that 8 people will die in traffic crashes in Alabama during the 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 31, through midnight Sunday, January 3, 1999.

Kaye M. Whitworth named executive director of Elba Chamber of Commerce

The Elba Chamber of Commerce has named Kaye M. Whitworth as its new executive director.

Kaye, a native of Elba, recently retired from the State of Alabama having worked with the Coffee County Health Department since 1973.

She is married to Ronnie Whitworth and is the mother of two children, Jamie and Kayron. Kaye was born, raised and has resided in Elba all her life. She has a special love for her hometown. Upon her graduation from Elba High School she attended Enterprise State Junior College and Troy University.

Some of Kaye's civic involvement includes the Coffee County Democratic Club, Chi Omega Mom's Club, Alabama State Employees' Association, Black and Gold Club, Community Spirit Day and Jail Clean-Up day, and she has worked many years as a volunteer in Chamber projects.

She has served as chairperson of the Elba Christmas Festival and has helped in the decoration of the city for Christmas.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The Christmas season is here right now... no more talking about and planning for the future. The good thing is that the weather has finally turned cold enough for it to be the Christmas season. Now if you will all get your seasonal chores completed and drop by and give a country boy a hand up, we will all be ready for 'ol santa.

All the experts point out the fact that most Americans will add a few pounds during this season, regardless of their good intentions. In case you wonder why, here is an example of the prime reason. Tuesday morning Hedly fed me my usual hearty breakfast, that was followed a 9:00 a.m. with an invite to join the employees at the post office as Postmaster David Flippo furnished them with a full Christmas meal. Then later at a coffee club meeting, Mark Gray offered up some Red Velvet birthday cake... it was Mark's birthday (25th or 26th we think he said). Because of all the previous eating, we said no thanks... until he revealed that wife Mary had done the cooking. Now we know her reputation in the kitchen and quickly changed our tune and ate a piece of Mark's birthday cake. In fact we even talked Mark out of a piece to bring back to the office for our better half. Now folks that is what adds the extra pounds, any time a person eats like that!

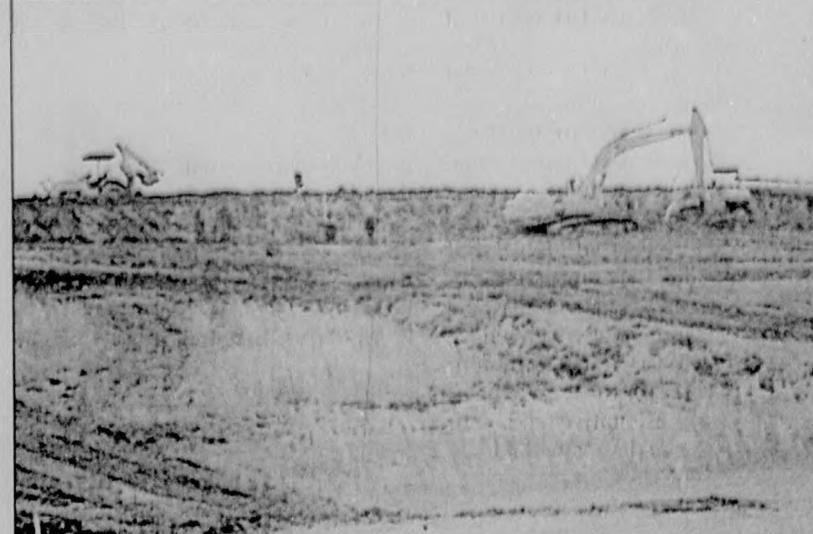
Will Bill Clinton be impeached? It is doubtful that he will ever actually be kicked out of office, but more than likely the House of Representatives will vote to refer articles of impeachment to the U. S. Senate. We have some mixed emotions, even on this bit. America is a great country and is far more important than one man continuously lying, regardless of how disgusting it might be to any of us. However, Clinton has continued to use lawyer talk when addressing the issue, leading many of us to wonder if he really has gotten the message that he did wrong... not only in his actions but also in his lying under oath and when pointing his finger at the TV camera. It will probably still be better for America if Bill Clinton stays in office for the next couple of years, but we sure would like to get him in the back room and use on him some of those Army basic training words used on us some 40 odd years ago when our actions were not what exactly that training sergeant wanted them to be. Now that wasn't nice, and probably we could be forgiven for thinking them, but surely not as long we continue to have that strong desire.

It is no secret that Alabama elected a new governor in November. Only time will tell the full meaning of this vote. However, there is one part that has come home to Elba already. Over a year ago, Elba was allocated \$100,000 to resurface some streets. City officials went after the money but were told, "opps, you need to hire an engineer and show us drawings first." Those drawings cost the people of Elba \$12,000. Now, that money seems to have disappeared along with a lot of other highway department promises. Without the need for engineering drawings, the money would probably have already been sent down and spent on the city streets, but it didn't happen. There are two positive outlooks on this issue. First, both the newly elected Senator and Representative for this area are aware of the promise. Secondly, some communities are in worse shape, coming up without millions of promised paving funds.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 8, 1998, through December 14, 1998. They were: Lamar Daniels, Katherine Cole, Timothy Dueitt, Sherria Hussey, Charlotte Register, Vickie Shaddix, Melanie Green, Brittan Stokes, Annie Coleman, and Lucille Armstrong.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Frances Chandler, Joyce Johnson, Jeremy Parker, Narzee Hodge, Catherine Cole, Charlotte Register, Lemon Rodgers, Amber Pope, Timothy Dueitt, Lamar Daniels, Annie Hall, Sherria Hussey, Vickie Shaddix, and Melanie Green.



WORK IS UNDERWAY on the Elba school complex to repair the damage caused by the heavy floods rains of this year. Two major nationally declared disasters were more than the steep hill could handle and dirt began sliding down toward the elementary school. With FEMA funds and some other grants, the project should be completed without the school system having to expend any precious public education funds, according to Superintendent Charles Pearce.

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***The bid for assisted hauling for road building materials went to Apple Enterprises Incorporated of Dothan. Their bid was \$45 per hour for a 21 cubic yard capacity dump truck and driver.

***The bid for the sandblasting, priming, painting and sealing of the block and wood work on the county health department building was awarded to Bullard Contracting Company. Their bid was low at \$28,880.00.

***The awarding of the bids on an excavator were tabled until the next meeting. The bids (base purchase price) ranged from a high of \$148,960 to a low of \$139,007.00.

***Mo-trim Incorporated of Cambridge, OH was low bidder on a boom cutter. Their bid was \$19,500.00 for each machine. At the recommendation of the county engineer, the commission approved the purchase of one unit for trial before purchasing three additional cutters.

***Approved the credit application from Ina O'Neal Construction of Enterprise for the use of the county landfill.

***Approved sending out bids for computer hardware to link the

computer system of the District Judge's office to the county jail's computer system.

***Clarification of pay scale at landfill employees to be given at the next commission meeting.

***Approval was given to proceed with the preparations for installing a security system in the Elba Courthouse.

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- RAND BROTHERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Rand Room @ Elba High School.
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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 7, 1998, investigated the following incidents: five thefts of property, two DUIs, four harassments, two criminal mischiefs, one menacing, three criminal trespass, one assault, three harassing communications, one sexual assault, one forgery, two burglaries, and one disorderly conduct.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for disorderly conduct, one for theft of property, one for sexual abuse, one for harassment, one for assault, and one for receiving stolen property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for DUI, one for running a stop sign, ten for speeding, three for an improper tag, one for no driver's license, one for driving without a driver's license, and two for reckless driving.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 - Burglary reported at a residence on Reese Avenue (9:48 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center (9:47 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Rescue squad dispatched to Mullins Apartments (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at the Elba Housing Authority office in Morrow Village (6:23 a.m.); River stage - 4.25 feet (6:26 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Pinedale Drive (6:57 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on Thomas Avenue (12:52 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on Hickman Avenue (4:56 p.m.); Alarm at Pizza hut (11:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - River stage - 5.17 feet (6:23 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Reese Avenue (6:58 a.m.); Burglary reported at a residence on the Elba

Dam Road (5:09 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on Hickman Avenue (8:54 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Alarm at the Elba Skating Rink (3:09 a.m.); River stage - 4.96 feet (6:35 a.m.); Alarm at the Elba Housing Authority office in Morrow Village (8:06 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Reese Avenue (9:34 p.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (10:55 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 - Disturbance (domestic) reported on Hickman Avenue (12:57 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (1:06 a.m.); River stage - 4.80 feet (6:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center (1:38 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 - River stage - 4.66 feet (6:19 a.m.); Burglary reported at a residence on Reese Avenue (9:48 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to Morrow Village (9:16 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Drive (11:10 p.m.); Alarm at The Big/Little Store-West (11:28 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Neil Grantham Drive (2:02 a.m.); River stage - 5.35 feet (6:57 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on Reese Avenue (3:54 p.m.).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The story of lawsuit reform in Texas to date is an excellent example of successful public policy. Texas, like Alabama, was known for the ease and size of settlements. In most cases the attorneys urged their clients to settle, even if they were innocent, to keep the case out of the pro-plaintiff biased Texas Civil Courts.

The courthouses in Texas were filled with cases, many from out of state, and even from out of the country. Lawmakers were able to shop for the "best" judge or courthouse in which to try their specific case. Defendants were threatened with unlimited damages, and small businesses were bled to death by meritless cases.

Through thousands talking to their representatives and the governor, changes have been made in all of the last three legislative sessions. These changes have begun restoring confidence in the civil justice system and it has begun to repeal the "Tort Tax." The "Tort Tax" is the hidden cost of lawsuit abuse in every bag of groceries, filling at a dentist's office, prescription filled from a doctor's office, and insurance premium. Fewer nuisance lawsuits have been filed, thus enabling companies to lower prices and increase salaries and benefits for their employees. Insurance rates have been lowered for businesses and individuals. In 1997 the Texas Insurance Commissioner lowered liability rates in the state for the third consecutive legislative session. The cuts were: 1997 - \$610 million, 1995 -

\$435 million, 1993 - \$441 million. That's over \$1.5 billion - with a capital "B" - in 4 years! No other state in the union has cut rates three consecutive times in a row.

On top of that, auto insurance rates were cut 5 percent across the board. This was the first cut since 1991. This is a perfect example of how tort reform can immediately affect your pocketbook! As you know the lower the cost of doing business the lower the cost of the goods. The influx of cases due to lowering the chance of abusive civil justice system helps bring more tax dollars to the state through company investment and jobs. Mobil Oil just changed the location of a \$200 million dollar refinery/chemical unit to their plant in southeast Texas. They said "recent changes in the civil justice system in Texas had a direct impact on the decision to build the new facility in Beaumont."

You may think that this is great, but the Texans for Lawsuit Reform have not sat back and said, "look what we've done" - they are currently working toward curbing the abuse of "class action suits" where plaintiffs are recruited by attorneys to sue for damages, and upon winning, the plaintiffs get minimal amounts of money (sometimes only a few dollars) while the attorneys get millions.

They are trying to get it where the courts can assign fault so that the party with the deepest pockets doesn't have to pay the bulk of the settlement, even if they are minimally to blame. Limiting contingency fees is another

reform they're going for. They want to require losers to pay for the winner's legal fees; even if you win, you can lose due to the excessive cost of defending yourself.

These new plans, along with several others, are aimed at getting Texas back into a growth area for business, and getting more confidence back into a failed court system. It can be done - we the people are more powerful than the "trial lawyers" if we'll pull together and push for these changes. Let's show Texas and the "trial lawyers" that we also have had enough! Get in touch with your local "Citizens for a Sound Economy" representative and your state legislator and senator and say enough!

Sincerely,
DORIS TAYLOR
Elba City Librarian

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HARDY FAMILY

For all the acts of kindness, food, flowers, phone calls, and visits made during the death of our husband, father, son and uncle - we want to say thank you so much.

It is such a comfort to know that so many people love the same people we do.

For all your good deeds and acts of kindness, may God bless you.

THE HENRY COLLIS HARDY FAMILY
Mother - Leticia Trammell
Wife - Mary Nell Hardy
Daughter - Connie Phillips
Son - Jimmy Hardy
Niece - Mary Hardy

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HUDSON FAMILY

We want to express our deepest appreciation for the expressions of sympathy and love to our family during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for food, flowers, visits, cards, and all the acts of kindness shown. It was such a comfort to know so many friends truly care. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES RANDALL (Chuck) HUDSON

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Research shows breast milk to be perfect food for baby

The Alabama Dept. of Public Health wants expectant mothers to be aware that research shows breast milk is the perfect first food for babies.

"Breastfeeding is nature's means of providing for the complete and necessary nutritional needs of infants. In addition, certain protective antibodies are transmitted from the mother to the child," said Dr. Thomas Miller of the health department's Bureau of Family Health Services.

"Breastfed infants have lower rates of hospital admission, ear and respiratory tract infections, asthma, colic, food allergy, exema and diarrheal diseases," continued Dr. Miller. "Researchers find that breastfeeding also promotes bonding between the mother and baby, resulting in lower rates of child abuse and accidental injuries among breastfed infants. Another benefit is that breastfeeding helps women recover sooner from childbirth."

Benefits for the baby:
- Breast milk lowers the risk of food allergies, colic and asthma in babies; it requires no mixing, measuring or cleanup.
Benefits for the mother:
- Women who breastfeed have less bleeding after delivery. Hormones produced while breastfeeding cause the release of oxytocin, a hormone produced in the body which makes the uterus contract.

"Breast milk is inexpensive. Also breastfeeding may help some women lose weight."
One of the most common questions new mothers ask is: "How can I tell if my baby is getting enough milk?"
Babies are receiving enough milk if they are breastfed often - at least eight to 12 times in 24 hours; baby has six to eight wet (soaked) diapers and at least three bowel movements every 24 hours by the time he or she reaches five days old; baby should appear content and relaxed after each feeding.

Full-term, normal newborns should regain their birth weight by the time they turn two weeks old, and by four months of age should have doubled their birthweight.

AREA DEATHS

T.H. SCONIERS

Rev. T.H. Sconiers, age 62, of Dothan, died Dec. 9, 1998, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. Funeral services were held Dec. 14, 1998, at 1 p.m. from Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Enterprise, with Bishop Zekeiah Grady officiating.

Burial followed in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Bellwood, with Sconiers Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

OLIVE OPAL WESTBROOK

Mrs. Olive Opal Westbrook, age 84, of Rt. 1, Elba, died Dec. 8, 1998, in the Elba Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Dec. 10, 1998, at 2 p.m. at St. Beulah Assembly of God, with Rev. Dallas Bryant and Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Westbrook was preceded in death by her husband, Willie B. Westbrook. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Mack and Carolyn Westbrook, Elba; Chip and Linda Westbrook, Elba; a daughter: Olive Wayne White, Elba; a sister: Doris Bonner, Waynesboro, Miss.; 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren.

ANNIE SNIPES

Mrs. Annie Snipes died Dec. 4, 1998, at her home. She was born March 17, 1901. Funeral services were held Dec. 9, 1998, at 2 p.m. at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, with Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial was in St. Beulah Church Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing. Survivors include a daughter: Luc G. Walker (niece), Enterprise; two nephews: Willie R. (JoAnn) Hall, Los Angeles, Calif.; Baby L. (Addie) Hall, Montgomery.

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ZC's New Science Teacher



by Kendra Ward
Jeff Edwards is the new Science teacher at Zion Chapel. He teaches Physical Science and Chemistry. He is the son of Ed and Linda Edwards. Jeff is from Anniston, Alabama where he attended Saks High School. From high school he attended Southern Union, Jacksonville St. and then finished at Troy State in November 1998. He worked at Hibbett Sports for 4 years during college. This is his first teaching job. He currently lives in Troy.

When Jeff was asked what he liked about Zion Chapel he said "It's a great, small school and you can get to know the students. I think ZCHS is on the rise academically and athletically."

SUPPORT THE REBELS

FFA's Annual Fruit Sale A Success

by Michelle McIntosh
The Zion Chapel FFA sold fruit to raise money for the chapter. Josh McWaters and Heather Arnold were the top two sellers in the FFA fruit sale. Each FFA member had to sell at least ten cases of fruit. They had two weeks to sell. There was a variety of fruit to choose from such as oranges, red or yellow apples, grapefruit, and tangerines. Josh McWaters and Heather Arnold both sold 90 cases of fruit. For selling the most fruit, Josh and Heather were awarded a \$200 savings bond, a FFA T-shirt, and a jacket.

Jeffrey Boutwell sold 44-1/2 cases. Members who sold 10 or more cases were Jessica Cotton, James Rowland, Carrie Nguyen, Wes Bragg, Jeffrey Downing, Jessica Johnson, Justin Prescott, Patrick Olesby, Curt Stinson, Jim Turner, Blake Weeks, Christa Gurdak, and Sherry Scarbrough.



Pictured above (l-r) are: kneeling - Josh McWaters, Heather Arnold, and Jeffrey Boutwell; leaning on boxes - Jessica Cotton, James Rowland, Carrie Nguyen, Wes Bragg, Jeffrey Downing, Jessica Johnson; back row - Justin Prescott, Blakely Helms, Matt Nelson, Patrick Olesby, Curt Stinson, Jim Turner, Blake Weeks, Christa Gurdak, and Sherry Scarbrough.

Arnold Wins Second Place

by Carissa Walker
Heather Arnold, a sophomore, won second place in the FFA county cook off. She competed in the peanut recipe contest. She cooked Peanut Honey Chicken. She prepared the dish in the Home Economics department and then took it to New Brockton High School for display. Heather was awarded a check for \$20. The recipe is printed below.

Peanut Honey Chicken
1/3 cup honey
1/3 cup spicy prepared mustard

2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
5 to 6 chicken breasts
1/2 cup roasted peanuts, chopped
Combine first 4 ingredients, set aside. Remove skin from chicken, if desired. Dip each piece of chicken in sauce, and place in a greased roasting pan. Pour remaining sauce over chicken. Bake approximately 1 hour at 350 degrees. Add chopped peanuts after cooking for 30 minutes. Serve on bed of Fried Rice.

Coach Coale

by John Arnold
Mr. Mark Coale is home and doing well after having triple bypass surgery in a Dothan hospital. Mr. Coale found out in late October that the surgery was required and made plans to have it done just before Thanksgiving. He says that he will be fully recovered and ready to return to school after the Christmas holidays.



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS
Blake Weeks, Editor
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Junior Class Elects Officers

by April Morgan
Daphne Jinnight was elected president of the junior class in early November. In order to be an officer a person had to sell a personal quota during the magazine sales. Daphne Jinnight was one of the top salespersons. Justin Prescott is the vice-president. Secretary is Stacy Cape. Ceretha Towles is the treasurer.

This slate of officers will help coordinate plans for the big event of the junior year for most high school students, the production of the Junior-Senior Prom.



Pictured (l-r) are: Justin Prescott, Stacy Cape, Daphne Jinnight, and Ceretha Towles.

ZC Seniors Send Santa Christmas Wish

by Blake Weeks
The seniors at ZC recently wrote Santa and here is what they asked for Christmas.

Dear Santa,
Angle Laney-"All I want for Christmas is FREE TIME! But if a person just happens to have some extra things in a bag like money for college, a new car, and a big screen TV, that person is more than welcome to drop them my way."

James Collier-"I would like a computer, Trans-Am with T-top, tinted windows, leather seats, chrome wheels, and a CD player. Plus a million dollars. Also, I want everybody to be happy and get what they want for Christmas."

Amanda Lee-"I would like a person to bring me some money, clothes, and a car, too. I also want my family to get what they want for Christmas, so we can all be happy. One more thing, I would like all the people who don't have money to have a Christmas to remember, and kids that don't have parents, to have a good Christmas."

Carissa Walker-"All I want for Christmas is a CD player in my van to replace the stolen one, a cool rave scene in the Zion Chapel/Elba area, a new pair of Dr. Martin's, a bass guitar, and a VW bus. I also want to go to Family Values next time it comes around."

Alisha Walker-"I would like a car. And for there to be a good rave scene here. And lots of snow for snowboarding purposes. Twenty ex-girls, Dr. Martin's, too. And I want to see Family Values the next time it is around. Oh, and a bass guitar."

Cyndi Smith-"I have done my job well. I have caused my dad's receding hairline and my mom's graying hair. Since you are Santa, I don't have to tell you what I want. Just be sure to tell all the reindeer to stay in the woods and away from my car!"

Cristy Houston-"I have been very good this year. Please bring me a new car. It really doesn't matter what kind, as long as it's not a Ford. And a few clothes wouldn't hurt. If you really want to give me something, you can make my little brother disappear."

Sherry Scarbrough-"All I want for Christmas is a Pioneer CD player, tinted windows, and lots of clothes. Also, I would like an addition to my bedroom, cool weather, and snow on Christmas Day. And, oh yeah, I've really been good this year."

Chastity Weed-"This year I want a 1968 Mustang, cherry red. I want everyone to be safe and happy. Because my mom always wants me to stop on Christmas. I would like snow just for her."

Paige Hudson-"I want a trailer and

somewhere to put it. And money wouldn't be a bad idea either."

Junior Jones-"My name is Willie Jones, Jr. and I would like it if you would give me anything for Christmas. I wish for all my family to be together."

Joey Gibson-"I have been very good this year. I would like a VCR, camcorder, set of drums, 200 amp speakers with stand, and a guitar case. What do you want for your snack?"

James Rowand-"I could use a new Dodge Viper Venom fully loaded with leather interior, CD player, CD changer, and the rest of the luxuries."

Kendra Ward-"I want a car. Lots of clothes. Shoes."

Michelle McIntosh-"I have been fairly good so if you could spare me these few items I would greatly appreciate it. A new car is on the top of my list. I also want a ticket to a KORN or Limp Bizkit concert. Last but not least a trip to New York City."

Bonny Grisham-"I would like for Christmas lots of money, clothes, and a '97 Dodge Ram 4x4 with mud tires, tinted windows, and a CD player. I want the color to be teal and the wheels to be wide. The most important thing I want is for everybody to have a wonderful Christmas."

John Arnold-"I want a 12 disc changer, 11 wrestling tickets, 10 gold rings, 9 Sega tapes, 8 gold teeth, 7 pairs Adidas, 6 pack of root-beer, 5 fresh gold chains, 4 subwoofers, 3 packs of drawers, 2 girlfriends, and a Cadillac to put it all in."

Chan Grantham-"What I want for Christmas is pretty simple. I would like a new vehicle. Nothing too fancy, just a Tahoe or something like that. I would also like some new clothes. If there is anything else I think of I'll be sure to write you another letter. "Picture Me Rollin'."

Heather Halsey-"For Christmas I would like a new car, some clothes, and a better job."

Sincerely,
The Seniors of '99

FHA Canned Food Drive

by Angie Laney

The Zion Chapel Chapter of FHA is having a canned food drive for an adopted Christmas family. This is one of FHA's community service projects for the year.

The chapter is making this food drive into a contest against classes. Each class has a poster on the wall in the classroom of Ms. Joan Hobbs that has a Christmas tree on it. The trees get decorated by stars on the trees. Each star represents a can that a person brings in. At the end of the contest the stars will be counted to determine the winning class.

The class that brings in the most cans will get a party on the last day of school before the holiday. Members that are not in a class will be assigned to different classes; that way they can have a chance to win.

The contest will end on Friday, Dec. 18.



This huge honor is only given to three seniors from each Coffee County school. Daniel Murdock stated, "I've worked very hard throughout my high school career and it's nice to finally get rewarded for all my efforts." The awards were presented by Mrs. Angela Hughes, an extension agent and 4-H director for Coffee County, who announced the students by telling all of their major achievements in the past five years.

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Deana Gifford
This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Ben Purvis. Ben is an employee at Kelly Foods where he works in the receiving department. He is the son of Joyce and Mitch Purvis.

Ben is a member of VICA and is a junior at Elba High School. After graduating Ben plans to go to college and his major is undecided. We are proud to shine this week's Co-Op Spotlight on Ben Purvis.

Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox
Editor
Daniel Murdock
Editor

Former TSU Football Player Addresses Elba Chapter of FCA

by Julie Roberson
For the Fellowship of Christian Athletes it was not just another typical meeting on November 18, as a special guest arrived to discuss some traditional Christian values with the students. Jay Hodges, a former Troy State football player and one of the youth directors at the United Methodist Church in Elba, came to speak a few words of devotion to the mem-

bers. He talked of how people are categorized into three groups. These three groups consist of people being foolish, ignorant, or wise about God. He spoke a lot of truth and really touched the hearts of the members.

The Elba Chapter of FCA really appreciates Jay for coming to our meeting and conversing with the group.

Where Are The Morals In Our Society

by Natasha Bannin
Morals are a set of noble principles governing human conduct and originating in high spirituality. Crime, violence, drugs, and escalating social problems are all a direct result of our devastating moral decay. The appalling lack of human decency in today's society is no accident. Our current crisis has been created by a philosophy which believes at its core that all moral values are superfluous.

Both young and old alike are searching for hope in the midst of chaos and tolerance. High school students have a daily encounter with the spiritual death that fills our campuses.

Four in 10 teenage pregnancies end in abortion each year. Forty-six percent of eighth grade students report they have gotten drunk. By 12th grade this rate is up to 63%.

Junior high students (grades 6-8) reported significant increases in monthly use of marijuana, cocaine, uppers, downers, and heroin.

These are just a few of the horrible examples of how low our society is becoming. Our streets are violent, our children are fatherless, our people are drugged, and our schools are no longer places of learning and safety. There was a time when a moral individual was universally admired; now, many scorn him as a fool who clings to some outdated code that has no place in our modern world.

It's time we accepted the responsibility that is truly ours and returned to the basic values which have stood this and other societies for centuries. Morality is nothing to be ashamed of. How, integrity, concern for others, self discipline, and responsibility are the qualities of greatness, regardless of what is claimed by others. It's time to take our lives back.

On the evening of November 19, 1998, three seniors from Elba High School were honored for their scholastic excellence and leadership skills at the annual Farm City Banquet held in New Brockton at the Farm Center. Daniel Murdock, Emily Bryan, and Bucky Carlile were each selected by the administration of Elba High School as this year's Outstanding Youth Leaders.

This huge honor is only given to three seniors from each Coffee County school. Daniel Murdock stated, "I've worked very hard throughout my high school career and it's nice to finally get rewarded for all my efforts." The awards were presented by Mrs. Angela Hughes, an extension agent and 4-H director for Coffee County, who announced the students by telling all of their major achievements in the past five years.

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Students Speak Out On School Uniforms

The Response From The Editors of Tiger Tales

First of all, we, the editors of Tiger Tales, would like to express our appreciation for your opinions on the issue of school uniforms. Both sides of the spectrum are well argued as the subject concerning school uniforms is very controversial and is worthy of your very well thought out opinions.

School uniforms do offer certain advantages, especially concerning financial relief and the pressures caused by the need to compete for material reasons. On the other hand, school uniforms have several disadvantages such as a student's ability to freely express himself and the variation of personalities throughout the school's environment.

Whether your stance is for or against a possible EHS policy enforcing the use of school uniforms, you should feel obligated to constantly voice your opinion throughout your high school career so that the administration at EHS can better understand the student body's feeling concerning this time-debate.

Sincerely,
Daniel Murdock and Anna Maddox

Dear Editor:
I believe that it would be a whole lot easier if the Elba High School students would wear uniforms. It would save a lot of fights from starting and people from getting their feelings hurt. I asked five people and three of them said it would be a good idea. They said that people would not talk about each other's clothes, because they would be looking exactly like the person they are talking about. I have also seen a lot of pretty school uniforms.

Sincerely,
Ayonna Procter

Dear Editor:
I am writing this letter to express how I feel about the issue of school uniforms at Elba High. I am strongly against the issue and feel that they are very unnecessary. My main reason of objection is I go to school for an education-not to be seen in a uniform. That's like going to church just to see what everyone is wearing and not for the worship service. The way students dress gives them individuality and the freedom of choice to make their decisions as young adults. I believe that a student's image is very important to society today, but his or her education is more important, not just for today, but also for the future.

Sincerely,
Kemberly K. Fish

Dear Editor:
No, I do not think we should have school uniforms, because people have their own decision to make and I wouldn't want kids walking around with the same clothing that I have on. And another thing is you will have to wash the same outfit every day when you just wash a load of school clothing. So, you wouldn't have to go through all that stuff just by wearing a school uniform.

Respectfully Yours,
Betty Hill



Dear Editor:
I believe that we should not wear school uniforms. For one thing people may not be able to get them. Another reason is that people have their own clothes and they want to wear them. People may be able to wear the uniform, but not the uniform color. Plus there is religion to consider. If the uniforms call for pants and some people aren't allowed to wear them, then what would they do? Sure, they would wear a skirt instead, but then you would have to make the skirt and that takes a little while. Plus, it gets boring seeing everybody in the same outfit.

People have their own taste in clothes and should be allowed to wear them as long as the clothes are suitable for the school rules. Also, half the school is already in the band and the band has to wear uniforms. I don't know. I guess what I'm trying to say is everybody is their own person and should be allowed to choose their own clothes. I know I'm only a 7th grader, but I want my idea to count just like a junior or senior's idea would count.

Sincerely,
Kelli Nicole Richard

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school uniforms at Elba High School. Everyone, including teachers, would dress the same. There would be no designer names. People who could not afford designer names would not feel that they weren't as good as the people who could. Uniforms would probably cut down on theft. Anyone who did not wear the correct uniform would be dismissed from school that day. Uniforms would be a good change.

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SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

We finally gave in Sunday afternoon and let the girls go out themselves and pick a live Christmas tree. They had complained about our little artificial tree for over two weeks, and the only way to satisfy the girls was to get another tree and let them pick it out and do all the decorating. I'll admit the first tree was little, and will also admit that the real tree is pretty and smells really good. Maybe the new tree will put the Mularz Family in the Christmas spirit.

PASSING ON SOME NOTES OF INTEREST...

*** The Elba Tigers made history last week when they moved up to the #3 spot in the Class 3A high school basketball rankings. The Tigers had been ranked before over the years; however, the #3 ranking is the highest ever for the Tigers, and should give the members of the team some added pride when they hit the court. The Tigers have some tough road games ahead, and will find out that the ranking will mean nothing to their opponents. It is great to be ranked in the Top 10, but this early in the season it probably gets a team's opponents more excited than it does Elba's own players. No matter, the polls are fun for the fans, and last week's 3A poll gave all the Elba fans a reason to do a little bragging.

*** The Elba Tigers and Elba Lady Tigers will both be busy during the Christmas holidays playing basketball, and will get the season off to a fast start next week when they head up to Zion Chapel to compete in the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament. The Elba teams will tip the tournament off Monday at 4:00 (girls) and 5:30 (boys), and both teams will return to action Tuesday to compete for either the championship or consolation honors. The Tigers and Lady Tigers will both meet W.S. Neal in the opening round, and both teams appear to have a really good shot at making it to the final round. All Elba fans should plan on making the short trip to Zion Chapel next week and support the Tigers and Lady Tigers as they continue their season.

*** Two of the top high school players in South Alabama both play at New Brockton High School, and both live in the same house. The duo are Kellen and Kendra Cole, the talented brother-sister act for the New Brockton Gamecocks and Lady Gamecocks. Little sister Kendra led the family competition in scoring early in the season; however, last week big brother Kellen came on strong and moved ahead. The very talented youngsters are the children of retired Coach Charles Cole, who led the Gamecocks to their last state championship, and Barbara Cole, the girls basketball coach at New Brockton. Wonder what the conversation is around the Cole's dinner table?

*** The New Brockton Gamecocks will also have a very busy holiday on the basketball court as they will compete in two of the top high school tournaments in this part of the state. The Gamecocks will begin the holidays over at the Andalusia Christmas Tournament, and will compete against some of the top teams around, then after Christmas will head over to Dothan to compete in the prestigious Dothan Progress Invitational. The Gamecocks won't be favored to win many games in either event, but the experience gained over the holidays should pay dividends down the line when the post-season party tips off. Both tournaments are close enough to allow area fans a chance to attend, and all area fans should get out and watch the Gamecocks compete against some of the best teams in Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

*** It is amazing to me the salaries some of the Major League baseball teams are paying the players these days. The recent free agent signings were back in the headlines over the weekend when Kevin Brown signed with the Dodgers for \$105 million over seven years. That comes out to \$15 million a year, or around \$300,000 per game. Leak that down even more and it comes out to around \$40,000 an inning, which means Brown should have many good innings if he is to earn his salary. Kevin Brown is a good pitcher, but he has never won the Cy Young Award, and at age 34 probably doesn't even have seven years left in his career. It was a good move for Brown, but a move that may someday leave the baseball players where the basketball players are now - without a job.

*** Andalusia football/basketball coach Richard Robertson called it quits on the football field last week, and announced that next year he will concentrate on basketball coaching only. Coach Robertson took over the Bulldog reins three years ago and was asked to get the players out for the team, and while he did have one winning season, it was obvious that the Bulldogs' program wasn't heading in the direction their fans wanted. Coach Robertson is to be commended for his devotion to Andalusia High School and the many extra hours he spent at work in recent years while serving as both the head football coach and the head basketball coach. Now maybe he can enjoy basketball again.

*** The Elba Recreation Department will begin its youth basketball season in early January, and due to the continued increase in participation has now scheduled games on Monday, Thursday and Saturday to get in all the games. The teams will still only play one game a week; however, with a total of ten games a week scheduled for the various leagues, the league outgrew its Saturday schedule. This year there will be leagues for boys ages 8 and Under, 10 and Under, 12 and Under, and 14 and Under, and leagues for girls ages 8 and Under, 10 and Under and 12 and Under. If you drive up Claxton Avenue and roll the window down you might just hear the sound of balls bouncing, at any time of day or night.

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Brantley and New Brockton also make poll

Elba Tigers ranked #3 in 3A poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its high school basketball rankings last week and sitting in the #3 spot in the Class 3A poll were the Elba Tigers.

The Tigers, of Coach Marlon Johnston, entered the poll for the first time with a 6-1 ranking, and were listed behind only defending state champion U.M.S.-Wright, of Mobile, and undefeated Trinity, of Montgomery. Other area teams listed included New Brockton (10th) in Class 2A and Brantley (2nd) in Class 1A.

Following are the "Top 5" teams in both the boys and girls rankings in all six classifications, along with other area teams receiving mention:

BOYS RANKINGS

CLASS 6A

1 - Austin (10-0)

2 - LeFlore (10-0)

3 - Grissom (8-1)

4 - Butler (8-1)

5 - McGill-Toolen (9-1)

CLASS 5A

1 - John Carroll (5-1)

2 - Wilcox Central (8-0)

3 - Gardendale (11-0)

4 - Coffee (5-1)

5 - Anniston (6-1)

CLASS 4A

1 - Sumter County (7-1)

2 - Central Coosa (5-1)

3 - Central Hayneville (5-1)

4 - Headland (5-0)

5 - Alexandria (1-0)

CLASS 3A

1 - UMS-Wright (4-1)

2 - Trinity (3-0)

3 - Elba (6-1)

4 - Francis Marion (3-3)

5 - Andmore (8-2)

CLASS 2A

1 - Skyline (10-0)

2 - Calera (5-1)

3 - Section (5-2)

CLASS 1A

1 - Butler (11-0)

2 - Huffman (11-0)

3 - LeFlore (8-0)

4 - Hoover (7-1)

5 - Decatur (8-1)

CLASS 5A

1 - Hazel Green (9-0)

2 - Fairfield (10-1)

3 - Pleasant Home (7-0)

4 - Loachapoka (6-2)

5 - Madison Academy (6-1)

CLASS 4A

1 - Lawrence County (11-0)

2 - Guntersville (7-0)

3 - Brooks (7-1)

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Elba Tiger head coach Marlon Johnston talks with his team during a time-out of a recent win. The Tigers moved up to #3 in the Class 3A high school basketball rankings last week, and will carry the lofty ranking to Florala Friday night and on to the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament next week, at Zion Chapel High School.

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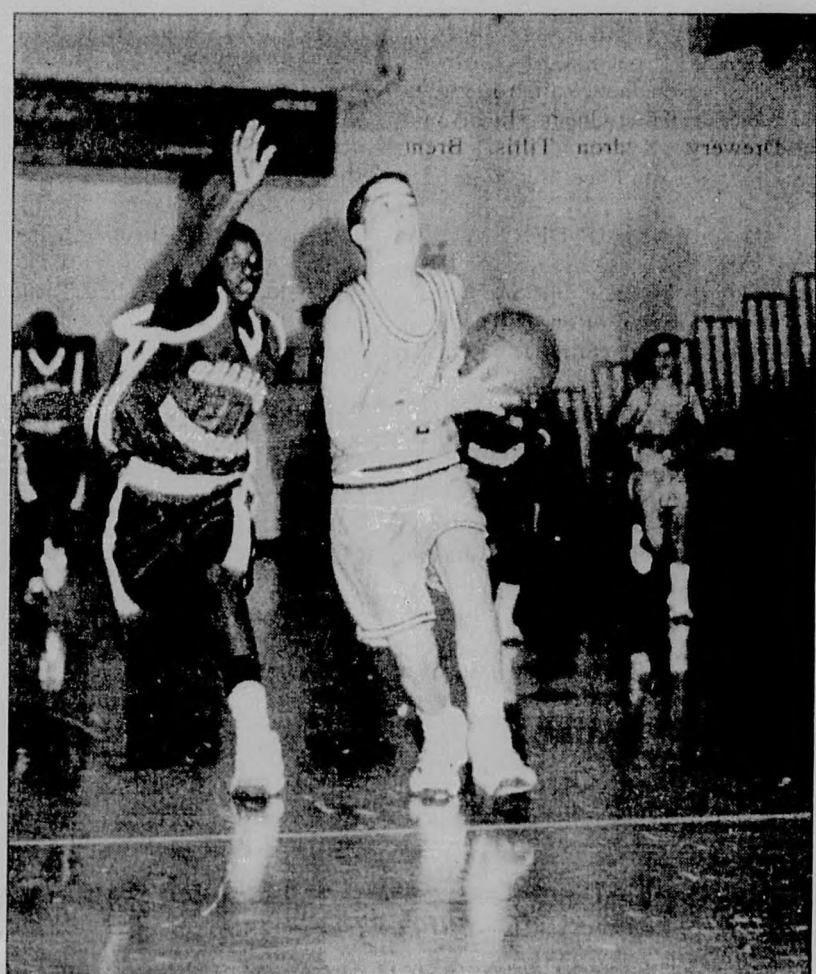
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Elba 8th grade Tiger Kyle English (with ball) heads toward the basket during a Tiger victory. English and the Tigers improved their record to 12-1 last week with a big win over the Kinston Junior Bulldogs.

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SPORTS

Kinston Lady Bulldogs place two on '98 All-State volleyball team

The Birmingham News announced its "All-State" high school volleyball selections last week and named First Team All-State in Class 2A were Allie Sumblin and Tiffany Rhoades, of the Kinston Lady Bulldogs.

Both Kinston standouts helped guide the Lady Bulldogs to the 1998 Class 2A runner-up spot in the State Tournament, and the seniors made the honored All-State team as middle hitters.

Following is a list of area volleyball players named All-State, and those receiving Honorable Mention:

CLASS 3A - "All State" Elizabeth Poole (Trinity) and Kate Roberts (Montgomery Academy); "Honorable Mention" Leigh Ann Baker (Trinity).

CLASS 2A - "All State" Allie Sumblin (Kinston) and Tiffany Rhoades (Kinston); "Honorable Mention" Kaci Fleming (Kinston).

Teams rosters announced for 1999 youth basketball leagues

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation held its annual player draft for the 1999 Youth Basketball League last week, and following are team rosters for all the teams in the various divisions:

BOYS DIVISION

AGES 14 AND UNDER

Huskies (Coach J.C. Smith) Dominique Miller, Alex Allen, Quinton Gavin, John Buchanan, Timothy Daniels, Demetrius Robinson, Stefan Burks, Jessie Schultz, Todd Kelley, Evan Tate.

Hoosiers (Coach Tim Williams) Brandon Sims, Chris Bryant, Shane Williams, Randall Crawford, Todd Horstead, Clark Skinner, Zane Hall, Lamar Bogges, Aaron Harrelson, Josh Boutwell.

Tarheels (Coach Andrew Robinson) James Parks, Brandon Petty, Chase Davis, Jessie Thigpen, Andrew Stoudemire, Marquize Tyson, Justin Williams, Joey Spurlock, Dillon Stinson.

GIRLS DIVISION

AGES 8 AND UNDER

Rockers (Coach Shanille Rowe) Maritta, Brittany Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, DaNeasha Jordan, Kayla Jones, Kyno Coleman, Kiera Roberts, Alison Smith, Caldwell, Cheslie Cross, Kydra Tills.

Sparks (Coach Marietta Carpenter) Tiffany Bryan, Yquesha Terry, Ashley Carpenter, Tierney Starks, Kayla Kyser, Meagan Anderson, Maissie Thomas, Ashley Bailey, Courtney Rugg.

AGES 12 AND UNDER

AGES 10 AND UNDER

Wildcats (Coach Tommy Carter) Lewis Johnson, Ron Hill, Lamar Ware, Dustin Stinson, Reynar Rogers, Duke Carr, Sanchez Stoudemire, Antwon Tills, Chris Luckenbaugh, Shawn Abbott.

Blazers (Coach Joe Scott) Kevin Parks, Justin Knight, Lonzo Cook, Andrew Blinn, Derrick Manning, Nicholas Nelson, Jason Johnson, Robert Williamson, Joe Scott.

Hoyas (Coach Aubrey Williams) Bernard Blackmon, Brandon Harbuck, LaRay Williams, Stephen Griggers, Chase Graham, Mason Guiley, Cory Miller, Chase Boutwell, Blake Qualls.

Bruins (Coach Mickey Jacobs) roster not available.

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Adam Spicer, age 11, got his first buck last week when he bagged this spike buck that tipped the scales at 130 pounds. Adam is the son of Ricky and Cathy Spicer, of Elba.

Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers to compete in Z.C. Tournament

The Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament will be held on Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the Zion Chapel High School gym, with four teams entered in both the boys and girls divisions.

The tournament will tip-off Monday afternoon at 4:00 when the Elba Lady Tigers battle the W.S. Neal Lady Eagles, to be followed at 5:30 with a boys clash between the Elba Tigers and W.S. Neal Eagles. Action will continue at 7:00 with the girls contest between the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels and the Arton Lady Cats, and at 8:30 the boys will return to the court for the battle between the Zion Chapel Rebels and Arton Purple Cats.

• Consolation games will be held on Tuesday at 4:00 (girls) and 5:30 (boys), with the championship games to tip-off at 7:00 (girls) and 8:30 (boys).

Following is the complete tournament schedule:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Game 1 - 4:00 Elba vs. W.S. Neal (Girls)

Game 2 - 5:30 Elba vs. W.S. Neal (Boys)

Game 3 - 7:00 Zion Chapel vs. Arton (Girls)

Game 4 - 8:30 Zion Chapel vs. Arton (Boys)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:00 - Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 3

5:30 - Loser game 2 vs. Loser game 4

7:00 - Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 3

8:30 - Winner game 2 vs. Winner game 4

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

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Andalusia Christmas Tournament

SouthEast Alabama Conference Tournament

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

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Planting & Garden News

STAN WINDHAM
County Extension Agent

BUY SPRING FLOWER BULBS IN THE FALL

In the past weeks I have had several calls from people wanting to know the best time for planting and transplanting bulbs. I hope this article will answer some of those questions.

If you are looking for a vivid floral array of spring flowering bulbs you'll have to start now with the purchase of good bulbs. The first big step in planning bulbs is deciding which ones you would like to grow. Major bulbs include tulips, hyacinths and daffodils. Some specialty bulbs you may consider include allium, crocus, galanthus, fritillaria and scillas.

Buy bulbs in the fall. The best purchasing criteria for bulbs is to check their firmness. Buy early to get the best selections available. Another consideration should be the size of the bulbs. The size is directly related to the size and number of flowers. Generally, the bigger the bulb, the bigger the flower.

Small nicks and loose skin don't affect development of the bulb. In fact, loose skin aids in inspecting for diseases, and encourages rooting. Keep bulbs cool before planting. Store bulbs around 50-65 F.

Optimal planting times are late October to late December in most areas of Alabama. When preparing to plant, remember several things. Good drainage is essential for spring flowering bulbs. If your soil is mostly clay, mix in an organic material such as peat moss, compost or aged bark. Don't mix more than 50 percent organic material with the soil. If your soil is mostly sand, add an organic material to increase water- and nutrient-holding capacity.

Always be aware of the soil's pH. The pH of the planting area should be in the range of 6-7 for bulbs. Soil test now to find out the correct amount of fertilizer to add. However, bulbs can be grown successfully for a season or two using a slow-release complete fertilizer. This should be incorporated into the root area at planting, at a rate of one rounded tablespoon per square foot. Plant small-sized bulbs (one inch

in height) 4 or 5 inches deep, and a little deeper in sandy soils. Space small bulbs an inch to 2 inches apart. For large bulbs (2 or more inches in height) plant 6 to 8 inches deep. Space larger bulbs 3 to 6 inches apart. Cover the bed with 2 to 3 inches of mulch. If you have a dry fall, as we have had this year, water the area appropriately.

Wildflowers - Fall is also the best time to plant your wildflower garden. The season allows enough time for perennial root systems to become established for spring bloom, yet the cool temperature (below 60 F) prevents annual seeds from germinating until warmer weather arrives.

Ideal planting times for Alabama are late October to mid-November. Fall planting is not recommended for areas where cool grasses, such as annual ryegrass and fescues grow, since these grasses aggressively compete with wildflowers for water and nutrients.

For other questions regarding planting of bulbs, give us a call at our office at 894-5596.

PRUNING, PLANTING, LIMING AND FERTILIZING FOR THE WINTER

Most evergreen trees and shrubs and deciduous trees can be pruned in the dormant time of year. For trees and shrubs that flower in the spring, it is generally best to wait until late spring after they have flowered. This is not a hard and fast rule, but there is some research to indicate pruning does affect the flower crop.

To prune landscape trees and shrubs, basically the first thing you do is cut the tree or shrub to the desired height. A good rule of thumb on trees that you want to cut back severely is to prune about a third of the foliage growth.

For example, if you have a tree that is about six feet tall from the start of its canopy to the top, you could trim two feet off the top without severely limiting the tree.

The next thing to do is raise the canopy as high as is reasonable so that grass and other plants are not totally shaded out underneath the trees. If you plan to raise the canopy fairly high, do this first then top the tree, as this will definitely affect the amount you take off the top.

Shrubs are much the same way. Shape and top them to the desired height.

The dormant time of year is a great time to plant new trees and shrubs and also transplant those needing to be moved.

When planting new trees and shrubs, make sure you dig the hole wide and deep, as it relates to the root ball. A good rule of thumb is to dig it twice as wide and twice as deep as the root ball, fill some of the dirt back in, and place the tree in the hole. Add about a gallon of water, then pack the soil around the tree or shrub tightly to ensure good root soil contact.

If transplanting trees, make sure you get as much of the root mass as possible. And again, dig the hole plenty big, place the tree in it, add some water and pack the soil tightly around it.

Another good addition to transplanted trees and newly-planted trees and shrubs is an organic manure such as cow manure, horse manure, etc. Believe it or not, the fresher it is the better because it breaks down over a long period of time and helps fertilize the new growth.

The dormant time of year is also a great time to time your yard and correct pH problems. This should always be done by soil test. For seven dollars you can take all the guesswork out of the amount of lime and fertilizer to put on your yard. The soil test will then be accurate for about two years. When you receive the soil test back, it will give you a lime requirement in so many tons per acre. For the home, a ton of lime to the acre is equivalent to 50 pounds per 1000 square feet. An easy way to apply it is to use a pelletized lime.

There is some fertilization that you can apply on your yard during the winter. Using the same soil test, determine your potash or K2O as it will be listed on your soil test. Potash helps build root systems and can be applied in the fall or early spring.

Depending on the research you read, both seem to have some benefits. It does appear, however, that extremely early spring, such as early or late February, possibly yields the most benefits.

But there is some good indication that a fall application of potash helps grass over winter and builds root hardness. Do not apply nitrogen and foliage-growth-related elements during the winter. This can spell disaster for your yard some spring.

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Alabama Study Looks at Pregnancy and Alcohol Use

Alcohol use by mothers during pregnancy can have serious effects on the fetus, including birth defects, behavioral problems and developmental delays. According to a study published in the Alabama Center for Health Statistics' publication, "Health Statistics and Surveillance," nearly 40 percent of new mothers indicated they drank alcohol in the three months before pregnancy, but only 4 percent said they drank during the last three months of pregnancy.

No safe level of drinking during pregnancy has been found. As a result, the Surgeon General, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that women abstain from drinking during pregnancy.

Dr. Albert Woolbright, director of the Natality and Infant Mortality Branch of the Alabama Dept. of Public Health, said, "Because there are so many unintended pregnancies and alcohol consumption is so widespread among all groups, we urge women who have the potential to become pregnant not to binge drink and to stop drinking as soon as they suspect they may be pregnant."

Researchers have found a wide range of effects of alcohol on the fetus. The effects vary by the amount of alcohol and when during the pregnancy the alcohol was consumed by the mother.

Drinking early in pregnancy can have serious effects because this is the period when most of the fetus' major organs develop. Drinking in binges (five or more drinks at a time) can have more serious consequences than drinking fewer drinks.

Heavy drinking by the mother can cause extensive organ malformations especially in the brain. This could result in reduced intelligence and hyperactive or antisocial behavior. Alcohol is a leading cause of

mental retardation and developmental delays.

In many studies, alcohol use by the mother during pregnancy has been found to be associated with the following:

• lower IQ scores • behavioral problems (especially in school) • elopement delays

In infants with fetal alcohol syndrome, the child has the following:

• observable birth defects (especially of the head and face) • problems with the functioning of the central nervous system • defects of the major organs

Data from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System survey were used to assess alcohol use by pregnant women in Alabama. This ongoing survey asks new mothers whether they consumed alcoholic beverages and how much they drank in an average week during the three months prior to conception and in the last three months of pregnancy.

The questionnaire also seeks to collect information on binge drinking by asking the mother how many times she had five or more alcoholic drinks at one sitting in the three months before and in the last three months of pregnancy. Since many women, especially those with unplanned pregnancies, do not know they are pregnant for some time after conception, it is likely that those drinking in the three months before pregnancy were also drinking in the first few weeks of pregnancy, the critical stage for fetal development.

White mothers were more likely to report drinking before pregnancy than black and other race mothers. For whites, 41.8 percent reported drinking before pregnancy, compared to 31 percent of black and other race mothers. However, in the last three months of pregnancy,

black and other race mothers were more likely to drink than white mothers, though drinking decreased significantly for both groups and the difference was not statistically significant.

Alcohol use increased progressively with age. Mothers 35 and older were the most likely to drink before and during pregnancy with nearly one half (49.9 percent) drinking during the three months prior to conception.

Almost a third of teen mothers drank before pregnancy in spite of the fact that these mothers were too young to buy alcohol legally in Alabama.

Alcohol use also increased by educational attainment. Almost half (48.7 percent) of mothers with one or more years of college reported drinking alcohol in the three months before pregnancy with almost 5 percent continuing to drink in the last three months of pregnancy. For more information on statistics related to birth, call 334-206-5429.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs. Latham speaks to Senior Citizens

"Early detection of breast cancer saves lives." This was the theme of the program presented by Mrs. Lucille Latham at the Elba Senior Citizens Center and the Elba Housing Authority in October.

Mrs. Latham, chairperson of the Coffee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and a two-time breast cancer survivor, gives personal testimony that early detection is the only way to decrease the severity of breast cancer. She explained that it can be detected with mammography even before a lump can be felt in a clinical breast exam, as she experienced.

Mrs. Latham donates her time informing women of the necessity of the monthly breast self-exam (BSE), having regular clinical exams, and mammograms. Though October was officially Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Mrs. Latham continues to tell others about the importance of early detection.

The newly-formed Coffee County Breast Cancer Coalition offers training in the proper way to conduct a BSE.

Through the cooperating sponsors, uninsured and underserved women who meet certain financial guidelines may qualify for a free clinical exam and/or a free mammogram. Call 393-7018 for information. All eligible women are encouraged to participate in the program.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Coffee County Office joins the American Cancer Society in encouraging women to follow the early detection program. Pearl A. Kent and Judy Killingsworth are available to present Breast Cancer Awareness programs in the Elba area.



Pictured with Southeast Alabama Network representatives Lee Vardaman (seated), and Fred Dykes (standing, second from left), are: Extension Coordinators Sandra Coffey, Coffee County; Reafield Vester, Houston; Charles Mason, Barbour; Dr. Paul Waddy, Extension District Coordinator; Extension Coordinators Theresa Williams, Dale; Patsy White (seated), Henry County; and Dallas Hartzog, Extension Agronomist, Headland Field Office.

Extension offices join Agriculture Network

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission recently joined the Southeast Alabama Network, which will provide pertinent information to area farmers, families and others, via the internet.

The Commission received a grant from the Economic Development Administration to build a comprehensive economic development web site for the network, and agriculture will be one of the five primary components of the web site.

In addition to agricultural and weather links, meetings can be held, bulletin boards posted, and E-mail utilized, as well as industrial sectors to be included.

The SARPDC is comprised of Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston Counties.



COTTON AND ME

Richard L. Petcher - County Extension Agent



Pictured (l-r) Ann Allison, teacher; cotton essay winners 1st - 4th places: Felicia Treadway, Terra Carr, Amanda Hornsby, Merisa Rogers; Dr. Townsend, principal, New Brockton Elementary

Crowley is Family Services Center Director

Judy, Reece Crowley, is new director of Coffee County Family Services Center.

Ms. Crowley brings a wealth of experience to the job, having served as Agency Administrator, Regional Administrator, and Rehabilitation Services Coordinator for Home Care Services of Flowers Hospital,

and as Director of Community and Family Affairs in Mainz, Germany. "I am excited to have the opportunity to be at the helm of an organization such as this," Ms. Crowley said. "I feel that the Coffee County Family Services Center will go far in helping families and individuals be successful and self-sufficient."

Cotton and Me - 1st Place Felicia Treadway

Cotton has a great effect on my life. I would like to share some of the many ways cotton has made my life better and easier.

One way is the clothes I wear. I get very cold easily. I can't even imagine not having warm clothes to wear; besides most of the clothes I own are at least 50 percent cotton.

Another way is when I get out of the shower. I like having my cotton towels and wash cloths, and most of all my bathrobe.

Oh, I also like having cotton shoe laces to keep my shoes on. My stuffed animals, pillows and blankets are also all made of cotton. My pillows and blankets keep me warm and comfortable.

I use cotton by itself, too. I use cotton balls for a few things. I might use cotton balls to clean up a cut or a scrape.

So, as you can see, I use cotton for a lot of different things. I don't know what I'd do without it.

Cotton and Me - 2nd Place Terra Carr

Every morning I get up and notice my pink and white cotton comforter. I stumble to the bathroom and take a hot shower. When I get out of the shower, I notice my cotton sweat-shirt and matching socks. When I'm ready for school, I sit in my favorite chair. It's a rocking chair with a big fluffy cotton cushion.

I put my shoes on and notice that the insides of my shoes are made of cotton. Then I catch the bus and notice my bus driver's cotton hat. At school I notice my teacher's cotton plaid shirt; it's very pretty. Then I notice my teacher's funny polka-dotted cotton jacket.

After school I notice my dad's cotton boxer shorts hanging on the clothes line. I go in the house to finish my homework. After, I put on my Mickey Mouse pajamas and curl up on the couch with my cotton blanket.

At 9 p.m. I go to bed and snuggle up under my nice, warm cotton sheets. I lay there thinking of all the things in the world made of cotton. What a day!

Cotton and Me - 3rd Place Amanda Hornsby

Cotton is very important to agriculture and people over the world. Without cotton we wouldn't have many items that people use, like book bindings, car seat interiors, stuffed animals, furniture, carpet, bed sheets, stuffing in pillows, hair bands, hats, and clothes. Wow! I bet you never knew cotton was so important to people.

Cotton is used for selling in agriculture mainly. Most people don't realize how important cotton is to some people who make a living from cotton. I live on a farm myself and I never realized how important cotton really is.

When cotton does not grow very well, the stock market in agriculture goes down because not as much cotton has sold. Cotton seed is used to make oil, which is also very necessary. Cotton is very important to our world. I personally think that a world without cotton would be incomplete.

Cotton and Me - 4th Place Merisa Rogers

Cotton is a type of plant used to make different kinds of clothing. Almost everywhere we go, there is something to do with cotton. In many different ways, cotton helps us live our lives.

Cotton provides us with supplies we need. Even when we're in bed, we are sleeping on cotton. Our pillow stuffing is also made out of cotton. We have many important crops, and cotton is one of them.

The main thing that cotton represents is clothing. Cotton is a very big money-making crop. That is one of the ways farmers make their living. Farmers have very heavy machinery to collect their cotton. The farmers sell their cotton to big factories. The factories make clothing and other materials out of it. Then they sell the materials to department stores.

All people use cotton in many different ways. Cotton picking used to be a very difficult job for adults and children. Children had to pick cotton for their families. Back in the early days, cotton was very valuable to farmers. People back then did not get much money out of cotton like they do now.

Cotton is well known in Alabama. I don't know where I'd be without cotton.

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In Coffee County many landowners are becoming more and more interested in harvesting trees on their land. Some of this is due to increased timber prices, CRP trees that have matured, and just a new awareness as to the benefits of managing the timber on their land.

Many landowners with small woodland holdings are often unaware of certain provisions in federal tax laws that can affect their tax bill. This is because most small woodland owners make infrequent timber sales and don't keep up with changes in tax laws.

One thing you can do once you decide to cut timber is to pay a visit to your accountant who can help you determine your possible tax responsibility. For example, if you harvest timber and receive \$50,000 for it, it can take up to half of it to regenerate the forest, pay various debts, and pay your taxes.

You might ask how the accountant will know about your tax without the timber being sold. Before you cut, have the timber cruised by a professional who can give you a good estimate as to what it is worth. You can then take this figure to your accountant who will help you determine possible taxes on this money.

Landowners who are considering future sales of timber should always consult a qualified tax consultant. Landowners should also consult some kind of expert about inheritance taxes and estate planning.

Landowners should also consult some kind of expert about inheritance taxes and estate planning along with the timber cutting. This can be important if you feel your heirs will have to pay inheritance taxes.

To help pay those taxes it may be better if the timber is sold by them rather than by you. Inheritance tax experts can help you determine the best time to sell the timber as it relates to inheritance taxes and your overall estate planning.

When selling timber, most of the things you must do relating to taxes are easy and are not a problem. It is simply one area that you need to cover before you sell. Let me suggest the following schedule of events that may help as it relates to taxes and timber.

1. Get a qualified cruise of the timber.

2. Consider how you will market the timber and handle the sale. You may want to use a forestry consultant or handle all the details yourself, but line this up prior to issuing notice that you are going to sell.

3. Do not send out notices to just a few people. Send notices to a large area of timber buyers — you never know who is going to give you the best price.

4. Contact your tax consultant and talk over the tax situation relating to inheritance, estate planning, and what you will have to pay upon sale of timber.

If you have any further questions concerning timber management, feel free to give us a call at 894-5596 or the Coffee County Forestry Commission at 894-6734. Staff at either of these offices will be more than happy to give you advice in this area.

FSA announces the results of recent elections

Results of the Dec. 1 election of Farm Service Agency Committee persons in Local Administrative Area No. 1 have been announced by Dennis Smith, chairperson of the committee.

Farmers elected to the committee were as follows:

County Committee member - Dennis Smith
First Alternate - Larry Miller
Second Alternate - Jumell B. Tindol

Smith also announced that an organizational meeting will be held at the first regular COC meeting in January.

Hettinger is selected for Navy honor

Navy Seaman Apprentice Michael P. Hettinger, son of Carolyn E. Selinski of Elba, recently was selected as Bluejacket of the Quarter aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Yorktown, homeported in Pascagoula, Miss.

Hettinger was chosen as top performer from among all the sailors assigned to the command and was cited for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative and military bearing.

The 1997 graduate of Kinston High School, joined the Navy in June, 1997.

Work Release reports work for local community

Elba Work Release Warden Dewayne Estes recently released a monthly report on the number of hours of labor inmates at the local facility have donated to the local community.

The limited list has a total of 1,224 hours of work for the community during November, 1998. The estimated value of this work is \$6,303.60.

The list includes an array of jobs for the City of Elba, Elba Recycling, Elba Police Department, Elba National Guard, Elba High School, Kinston, Daleville, Enterprise, Daleville, New Brockton and Crenshaw County.

November saw inmates from the work release center providing 224 hours of general labor to the Elba Street Department; 152 hours to the Recycling project; 152 hours to the Elba Police Department, washing cars, etc.; 112 hours cleaning ghe Elba National Guard Armory and 16 hours cleaning the Elba High School stadium after ball games.

They did similar work for the other communities.

Harris Graduates from Army basic

Army Pvt. Genesis Q. Harris has graduated from basic combat training at Ft. Knox, Ky.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Harris is the nephew of Barbara S. and Henderson and Ray Harris of New Brockton. He is a 1998 graduate of New Brockton High School.

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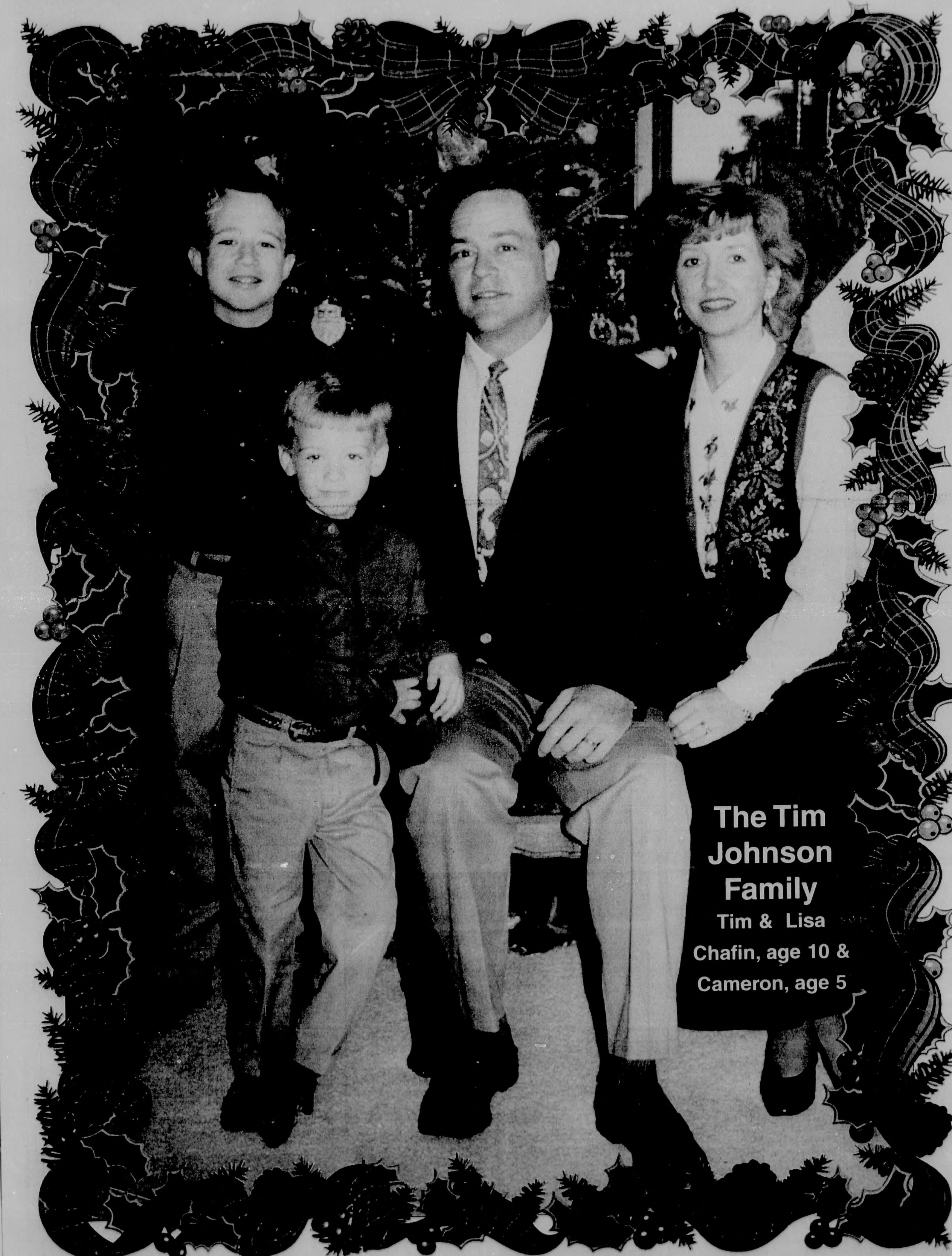
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